April 28th: A Day to Reflect. A Time to Lead.



Every April 28, **the National Day of Mourning** reminds Canadian safety professionals why their work matters.

In the United States, Workers' Memorial Day is observed on April 28 to commemorate the thousands of men and women who have lost their lives or been seriously injured on the job.

It's a time to honor the lives lost to workplace tragedy—and to recommit to preventing the next one.

In 2021 alone, over 5,000 workplace deaths were reported in the U.S.—an average of 14 every day. Each one represents a tragedy that safety programs aim to prevent.

According to the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC), **nearly 1,000 Canadians lose their lives** each year due to work-related causes. Behind each number is a name, a family, a preventable incident.

SafetyNow's Day of Mourning awareness package includes:

- A downloadable **safety talk** grounded in real stories and data
- A **short video** to open meetings with impact and encourage team reflection
- A **visual poster** to demonstrate your continued commitment to prevention

Use April 28 to pause, reflect, and talk openly about how we can all do better—because even one life lost is too many.

Download your Day of Mourning resources now.

Download the Workers' Memorial Day resources now.